Franklin College Senate Minutes the Meeting of April 19th, 2007 Approved August 29, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in SLC 250

This meeting was presided over by the president pro tempore, Elham Izadi (Mathematics)

There were 29 attendees including five proxies:

Yuri Balashov (proxy for Richard Winfield, Philosophy), Bill Barstow (Biology / Plant Biology), Adrian Burd (Marine Sciences), Stacey Casado (Romance Languages), Stephen Dalton (BMB), Lisa Fusillo (Dance), Andrew Grundstein (Geography, proxy for Marshall Shepherd), Michael Hahn (Plant Biology), Shane Hamilton (History), Erika Hermanowicz (Classics), Thom Houser (Art), Elham Izadi (Mathematics, also acting as proxy for Gordana Matic, Mathematics), Asen Kirin (Art), Kristin Kunderi-Gibbs (Theatre), Gary Lautenschlager (Psychology and acting as proxy for Keith Campbell, also psychology), David Lowenthal (Computer Science), Masaki Mori (Comparative Literature), Alberto Patino-Douce (Geology), Vladimir Popik (Chemistry), Dawn Robinson (Sociology and also acting as proxy for Joe Hermanowicz, Sociology), Adam Sabra (History), Paul Schliekelman (Statistics, proxy for Bill McCormick), Lijiang Shen (Speech Communication), Eric Stabb (Microbiology, proxy for Anne Summers), Michael Tiemeyer (BMB), Bram Tucker (Anthropolgy), John Turci-Escobar (Music), Sally Walker (Geology), John Wares (Genetics).

- 2. The minutes from the February 15th meeting were approved unanimously.
- 3. **Dean Stokes' comments**: Hugh Ruppersburg announced that Dean Stokes was out of town. His only announcement was that the Board of Regents was putting forward a proposal regarding the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP). He said that the plan is currently under necessary financial review, and that while he is not aware of the details of said proposal, he has heard that it is "favorable to the university and faculty."

There is still the senate resolution regarding ORP pending, the one that had been tabled at the March meeting of the senate. The senate will return to this resolution when it reconvenes in August of 2007.

- 4. **Committee reports**. Academic Standards said that it is still processing petitions. There were no other committee reports
- 5. **New Business**. The only new business was the electing of officers for next year (2007-2008). Those officers are:

Senate Presiding Officer: Bill Barstow (Biology, Plant Biology) Presiding Officer Pro Tempore: Keith Campbell (Psychology)

Secretary: Shane Hamilton (History)

Chair of the Committee on Committees: Adrian Burd (Marine Sciences) Chair of the Steering Committee: Michael Hahn (Plant Biology / CCRC)

There was a call for agenda items for the August 2007 meeting (one item will be addressing the tabled resolution regarding ORP). The exact date and time will be announced. The senate was asked to submit agenda items to Debbie Goswick.

The senate adjourned at 3:48.

Respectfully submitted,

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